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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA  
TO AMEMBASSY PARIS  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0217

E.O.: 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, KS, BY  
SUBJ: NEW BURUNDI AMBASSADOR TO PARIS

REF : BUJUMBURA 213, SEOUL 1751

2. SINCE EMBASSY PARIS HAS NOT BEEN RECIPIENT OF YEAR-LONG EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES PRECEDING REFTELS, WE SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THEY CONCERN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THE IRON GRIP WHICH NORTH KOREA HAS HERETOFORE HAD ON BURUNDI'S AFFECTIONS IN UNGA VOTING AND OTHERWISE. SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE HAD IN MIND AN EFFORT BY A WELL-PLACED SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMAT TO CONTACT AN INTELLIGENT BURUNDI AMBASSADOR IN SOME THIRD CAPITAL TO TRY TO START A DIALOGUE. ARRIVAL OF GERARD WAKARERWA AS NEW BURUNDI AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE HAS MADE HIM LOGICAL CANDIDATE FOR CONTACT.

2. AS BACKGROUND, WAKARERWA IS VERY BRIGHT AND (FOR A BURUNDIAN) UNUSUALLY OUTGOING YOUNG MAN IN LATE TWENTIES OR POSSIBLE 30, WHO HAS HAD METEORIC RISE IN BURUNDI FOREIGN SERVICE AFTER RECEIVING DEGREE AT BRUSSELS UNIVERSITY IN ABOUT 1973, HE SPENT NEXT YEAR IN BUJUMBURA IN ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND PERHAPS IN CIVIL SERVICE. IN 1974, HE WAS SENT TO EMBASSY IN KINSHASA, BUT AFTER FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS, HE WAS SHIFTED TO BUCHAREST. THIS LASTED AN EQUALLY SHORT TIME,  
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WHEREUPON IN MID-1975, HE WAS POSTED AS NUMBER TWO IN CAIRO. WITH APPOINTMENT OF NEW FORMIN IN NOVEMBER 1975, WAKARERWA WAS CALLED HOME TO BECOME NUMBER TWO IN MINISTRY. FOLLOWING COUP D'ETAT HERE LAST NOVEMBER, HE WAS DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR AND, IN JANUARY, NOMINATED FOR PARIS. THROUGHOUT HIS YEAR IN BUJUMBURA, WESTERN DIPLOMATIC CORPS FOUND HIM TO BE HIGHLY ALERT, VERY WELL INFORMED, AND FORTHRIGHT. EVEN WHEN

HIS OPINIONS WERE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. OR WEST, HE  
EXPRESSED THEM WITHOUT RANCOR. WHILE HE DOES SHARE TYPICAL  
AFRICAN AND THIRD WORLD OUTLOOK ON MANY ISSUES, HE IS BY  
NO MEANS ANTI-WESTERN AND, INDEED, HIS MANNER AND LIFE  
STYLE ARE VERY MUCH EUROPEAN. BESIDES FLUENT FRENCH, HE SPEAKS  
A LITTLE ENGLISH.  
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